

May 23, 2007

By Electronic Submission

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EX PARTE PRESENTATION – Verizon Petition for Forbearance from Dominant Carrier Regulation for In-Region, Interexchange Services, WC Docket No. 06-56; Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, May 21, 2007, Laura Carter, Vice President, Government Affairs, Anna Gomez, Vice President, Government Affairs, Chris Frentrup, Director, Government Affairs and the undersigned, on behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation, met with Nicholas Alexander, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate for wireline issues. At the meeting, Sprint Nextel continued to express its opposition to the forbearance petition filed by Verizon Communications, Inc. (“Verizon”) that is at issue in WC Docket No. 06-56. Specifically, Sprint Nextel emphasized that a grant of the petition needed to be appropriately conditioned to ensure that competition is not harmed by the ability of Verizon to exploit its significant market power in the provision of access services, particularly special access services, to harm its competition in the downstream interexchange and wireless markets. In this regard, Sprint Nextel pointed out that the conditions imposed by the Commission when it granted (in part) Qwest Communication’s similar forbearance petition, *Petition of Qwest Communications International Inc. for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission’s Dominant Carrier Rules As They Apply After Section 272 Sunsets*, FCC 07-13 (released March 9, 2007), while necessary, are not sufficient in the case of Verizon.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael B. Fingerhut
Michael B. Fingerhut

cc: Nicholas Alexander